

# Castor oversaw the tenure of married Palestinian **'s lack of decisive action put Florida's families at risk.**

## **What did Betty Castor actually do?**

While serving as the President of the University of South Florida, the activities of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) were brought to Betty Castor's attention. In *"May 1995, the Tampa Tribune published a series of articles detailing Al-Arian's alleged involvement with terror support activities."*

*Tallahassee Democrat, 8/9/04*

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By November 1995, federal agencies were issuing search warrants in the Tampa area, and these activities were widely reported on in the press.

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Finally in February of 1996, Betty *"Castor commissioned William Reece Smith to investigate the Al-Arian matter."*

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After the internal investigation, and having access to detrimental information through the Smith Report and the 1995 federal search warrant affidavits, Betty Castor's administration notified Al-Arian *"that he would be put on administrative leave... at full pay... suggested that this would be beneficial to him (give him time to prepare for the various investigations...)"*

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### **And that's it.**

All Betty Castor did to remove a suspected terrorist from campus was give him a paid vacation so he could prepare for the investigations into his terrorist activities.

"Far from doing all she could in the Al-Arian affair, Betty Castor's response was tepid at best and, in reality, served to brush the matter aside in an effort to avoid embarrassment, conflict and controversy for the university and her at the time. The voters of Florida need to decide if this is the sort of Senator they really want."

Bill West

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